

# e-Bugle

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## Calendar

Fri., Dec. 23	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at Penn Place	Mon., Jan. 9	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm
Sat., Dec. 24	No farmer's market		
Mon., Dec. 26	Town Office closed	Tues., Jan. 10	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm
Sat., Dec. 31	No farmer's market	Wed., Jan. 11	Deadline for February <i>Bugle</i>
Mon., Jan. 2	Town Office closed; yard waste pickup	Mon., Jan. 16	Art at Penn Place: Glenn Roberts, paintings, through Feb. 11 (see p 5)
Thurs., Jan. 5	Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting, 10 am, Town Office; GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Jan. 19	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., Jan. 7	Large item pickup; Farmer's market returns; GIVES collection, Penn Place, 9 am-noon	Fri., Jan. 20	Pick up February <i>Bugle</i> from table in PO lobby; Film Society, <i>Tangerines</i> , Town Hall: dinner 7 pm, film 8 pm (see p 2)
Sun., Jan. 8	Art at Penn Place: Meet the Artist Reception: Jeffrey Human, 3-5 pm (show open till Jan. 14; see p 5)	Sun., Jan. 22	Art at Penn Place: Meet the Artist Reception: Glenn Roberts, 3-5 pm (see p 5)
		Sat., Jan. 28	Town Dinner, Town Hall, 6 pm (see p 4)

## Signage

New traffic signs are going up all over town, but especially along Oxford Street, where you'll notice more stop signs in particular. Garrett Park is a walker's paradise, and we want to keep it that way. So heads up.

Speaking of walkers' paradises, the walk to the December Town Council meeting was even more beautiful than usual, with seasonal lights shining brightly on a clear cold moonlit evening. Although Garrett Park does not boast, like some American towns, one huge insane house overrun with holiday pyrotechnics, it makes up for this by featuring many noninsanely ornamented homes.

Your reporter walked into a festive scene in the Town Hall, with District 18 representatives talking to townspeople while eating chicken and brownies. During a brief encounter with a new resident, Rob Liebreich, your reporter was able not only to welcome him to town, but to recommend that he read Don DeLillo's hilarious 1985 novel, *White Noise*. She thinks everyone should read *White Noise*.

In her remarks to the group, Nancy Floreen made clear that lots of changes are coming to the County Council. "It's a real free-for-all, with many people running for many offices. Plus we're about to start the Bethesda master plan, and we're taking up minimum wage in January. We also have school capacity issues to work on. This area is going to see a lot of changes. It won't be boring."

Rich Madaleno, Al Carr, and Jeff Waldstreicher also spoke about their legislative committees and their approaches to representing our district.

"Garrett Park," said the Mayor, "is a new member of District 18, and we're very pleased to have all of you representing us, because you do a fantastic job."

Turning to Nancy, Peter added: "We will miss having a member of the County Council who lives in town."

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Liz King, who has been keeping the town updated on Walter Johnson High School cluster issues, was pleased to report that our efforts to ensure that families currently sending students to WJ would—whatever changes occur—keep their kids either in WJ or in a re-opened Woodward, seem to be paying off. “The superintendent did say that this was his intent. This is a sizable step toward what we were asking for.”

The Board of Education has determined that elementary schools should not grow beyond 750 students, so eventually there will be a seventh school, and next year’s work will include a study on where the site might be for that school. “Clearly the numbers aren’t going to go down.”

In his manager’s report, Gene noted that the town is still in good shape in terms of both revenue and expenditure. He is, however, “concerned about the Town Hall rents—these seem to be running at pretty much the same pace every year, and that’s a little lower than we’d like.”

The Mayor pointed out that our new town website (currently expected to be up and running in January) will offer an online rental form, and that this might attract more interest.

Margaret Soltan

## GPFS Presents *Tangerines*

*Tangerines* (Estonia/Georgia, 2013), a Best Foreign Film nominee for the 2015 Academy Awards, tells a story of compassion and friendship in a time of war. One reviewer called it “a plea for tolerance,” and another called it “good old-fashioned storytelling.” In either case it is a film worth seeing.

The film will be shown at 8 pm on Friday, January 20. Admission is free to GPFS members or \$5 per person, \$10 per family at the door. Drinks (soda, beer or wine) are on offer beginning at 7 pm at prices ranging from \$1 to \$5. Dinner (menu not yet available) is served at 7:15 pm. Cost for dinner is usually \$10.

See you on January 20 at the Town Hall.

## Women’s Club Reports

It was a record turnout at Santa’s visit to Garrett Park! George Oakley delighted the children with his amusing song styling. Santa, as always, was the star of the show. Hope all boys and girls received what they wished for this Christmas.

At the annual caroling event on December 9, Doug Mader did a fabulous job leading neighbors in song!

The Women’s Club truly appreciates the dedicated volunteers who make these events so magical.

## New Leadership at GPC Trust

The mission of the Garrett Park Conservation Trust (GPCT) is to preserve open space and promote conservation values throughout our community. It was founded 2002 under the leadership of Ken Ingham, with the help of several others, especially John Miles, who steered the group through the process of qualifying as a 501c3 organization. The Trust holds two conservation easements in Garrett Park, at opposite ends of Kenilworth Avenue, and is ready to work with the community to secure others. GPCT has also worked closely with its sister organization, the Garrett Park Conservation Action Network (GPCAN), to promote the use of renewable energy and generally help residents adopt more sustainable ways of living.

After 15 years as president of GPCT, Ken is stepping aside to make room for a new leader, Shaw Sprague, of Montrose Avenue. Shaw, who has served on the GPCT Board for three years and brings 15 years of professional experience in the fields of conservation and historic preservation, had this to say: “Ken has done a remarkable job establishing the GPCT and ensuring that its important service to the community continues. I’m grateful for the opportunity to build on Ken’s good work and look forward to promoting the strong conservation ethic that makes our community such a special place to live.”

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# Town Manager’s Notes

*Town Office closure.* The office will be closed on Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2. The town staff and I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season.

*Holiday gifts.* If residents would like to make a holiday gift to the crew members who take away our trash, recycling, and yard waste, please mail your check to the Town of Garrett Park, PO Box 84, or drop it off at the Town Office. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Garrett Park with “Holiday Fund” written as the memo. The town will send each contributor an acknowledgement and will see that the funds are properly distributed.

*Leaf removal.* Just a reminder that leaf removal will continue through the end of December. Motorists, please use a little extra caution around the huge piles of leaves throughout town. Parents, please be extra mindful of vehicular and bike traffic, and discourage your children from playing in the curbside leaf piles.

*Holiday collection of trash, recycling, and yard waste.* Yard waste will be collected on January 2 and February 7. We return to weekly yard waste collection in March.

*Large item pickup.* The next large item pickup will be on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

*Town Dinner.* The Town Dinner, sponsored by the Garrett Park Citizens Association, will take place on Saturday, January 28.

*Snow removal.* Just a reminder that, when snow is expected, it is especially important to park off the town streets to allow the town crew to clear from curb to curb as much as possible.

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager

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# 2017 Musicale

It’s not too early to mark your calendars for the 21st Garrett Park Musicale on Sunday, April 30, at 4 pm at the Town Hall. This program for all music lovers benefits the Ilah Gieser Music Scholarship (now part of the Garrett Park Community Fund), which supports a year of private music lessons for a budding musician at Garrett Park Elementary School. Watch the *Bugle* for more information as the date gets closer.

If you are a singer, instrumentalist, or group who would like a warm and enthusiastic audience, the musicale is for you! And if you like to sing, you might want to join the Town Singers, who perform each year at the musicale. It’s a fun group who welcomes everyone, new or old, to participate.

If you are interested, please contact Sue Petito or Meme Lincoln.



# Garden Design for Nature

If, in mid-February, you would be gazing out the window wishing for spring and looking forward to getting back out into your garden, then consider registering for the Seventeenth Annual Spring Gardening Conference, presented by the Montgomery County Master Gardeners. The conference, entitled *Successful Design with Nature in Mind*, will be held on Saturday, February 25 (snow date March 4), beginning at 8:30 am, at the Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, Maryland.

The daylong event provides participants with the opportunity to attend three of nine concurrent workshops and two lunch-time talks, all taught by Master Gardeners. Advance registration is required. Cost is \$55, or \$50 each if you sign up with a friend, and includes lunch and snacks.

For registration information, check the University of Maryland Extension web site: [www.extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/spring-mini-conference](http://www.extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/spring-mini-conference).

# Citizens Association Notes

The Town Dinner is coming up on Saturday, January 28. The theme for this year is “Our National Parks: Tales of the Outdoors!” Ever been trapped in your tent by a bear? Chased by a moose? We want to hear about it to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the U.S. National Park Service. Doors of the Town Hall (Kenilworth Avenue) will open at 6 pm and we will sit down at 6:30 pm. As always, this is a potluck dinner (adults only). Along with your own serving and eating utensils, you are asked to bring one of the following: appetizer, salad and bread, main dish, or dessert (enough for 8 to 10 people). Please RSVP to Sean Conlan to let us know you are coming and what you’ll be bringing. Alcoholic beverages will not be provided; however, please feel free to BYOB. A fee of \$5 per person will be collected at the door to cover the cost of decorations, nonalcoholic drinks, and paper goods. This is also a convenient time to pay your annual CA dues (\$15 for individuals and \$25 per family). Please invite your neighbors and friends who haven’t been to a Town Dinner. The Citizens Association is nothing without you!

*Future meetings.* Do you have a suggestion or idea for a meeting topic that you feel would be of interest to the town? If so, please forward your

thoughts to Sean Conlan or send a note to Box 456.

*Annual dues.* The Citizens Association 2016 annual dues are being collected. The annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$25 per family. Thank you to all of those who have already paid. For those who have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

*Garrett Park listserv.* Our neighborhood is made up of people with a wide variety of backgrounds, skills, perspectives, and experiences. Tap into these resources and stay informed with the Garrett Park neighborhood listserv. The listserv is an electronic forum for neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services (for example, contractors, lawn care, doctors, and baby sitters). The listserv will not be used for unsolicited marketing, and you can unsubscribe at any time. To join, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at [groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join).

*Questions or comments for the Citizens Association?* If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Sean Conlan.

## Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ The *Baltimore Sun* reported that the Ravens honored winners of their 2016 Community Quarterback Award at the December 4 game against the Cincinnati Bengals. One of the winners was our own Jeremy Lichtenstein, who was born and raised in Garrett Park, and founded Kids In Need Distributors (KIND) in January 2012 to address childhood hunger in the community.
- ♪ Alert reader Marian Green found a notice in the October 31 *New Yorker* of an exhibi-

tion of the porcelain art of Coille Hooven, the elder daughter of the late Laura and Donal McLaughlin, formerly of Weymouth Avenue. This exhibit, “Tell It By Heart,” is running until February 5, 2017, at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York. The *New Yorker* says, “This rare solo exhibition, Hooven’s first in a New York museum, spans thirty years, during which she has mined the domestic associations of the fragile medium with an eye on rebellion.”



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# Art at Penn Place

From December 19 through January 14, Jeffrey Human will display his imaginative paintings at the gallery. His works range from the whimsical to the serious, from abstract to representational (and sometimes in between) and occasionally surreal. Although he is primarily an acrylic painter, this exhibit also will include a few collages.

Stylistically, Jeffrey is a bit of a chameleon. Many of his paintings reflect the influences of his past. This exhibit will include paintings that pay homage to both Monet and Miró. Two recall Oz writer L. Frank Baum. Another is inspired by a 1930's poem by Delmore Schwartz, and still another recalls the scary noir and horror movies of the 1940s. One painting is based on the experiences of literary character Billy Pilgrim in Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse Five*. One shares the title and mood of Nevil Shute's first novel.

In his own words: "Painting is a kind of therapy for me through which I try to recreate the wealth of my emotional experience on a flat surface for myself, and then share it with you. Every abstract painting is, in one sense, at least two paintings. First, there is the painting I see when I finish. When you look at it, you do not see it the way I do. Your unique life experience transforms the painting into something else. I may have thought my painting was a view from the sky, but you may see it as a view into a tunnel. Every new viewer brings a new perspective on what a painting means and how to see and value it."

Please join Jeffrey for his "Meet the Artist" reception on January 8, from 3 to 5 pm.

Beginning January 16, the unique paintings of Glenn Roberts will be exhibited at the gallery. Glenn developed a passion for painting as a young man, after borrowing some large acrylic paintings to fill his apartment in San Francisco. Upon returning them, he decided to decorate his walls with his own paintings ... "How hard could it be?"

Finding that he loved painting, Glenn quit his political job in 1975 to paint full time. He attended

adult education classes at the then tiny San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and even spent a summer at the formidable San Francisco Art Institute. When his unemployment ran out, he drove a taxicab at night to support himself. Eventually, he returned to political work and let his painting lapse. Canvas, brushes, and paints were stored away. Years passed, until his daughters begged him to paint again ... so he did, and found he still loved it!

Glenn was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2000, and felt cut off from the outside world. Art, however, remained a relatively unaffected way for him to express himself. He finds that as he struggles to communicate, his colors are getting brighter, and his figures are getting bolder. He hopes he will continue to paint forever ... so do we!

Please join Glenn for his "Meet the Artist" reception on January 22 from 3 to 5 pm. His paintings will be on exhibit until February 11.

## Greening Report

This month's green banner is sponsored by Barbara Jackson, who donated in honor of several Garrett Parkers who celebrated turning 65 in 2016. Many thanks from the *Bugle* (and from the 65-ers)!

If anyone else would like to support the green in future months, please make out a check to the Citizens Association for \$45, with "greening" in the memo line, and mail it to the Citizens Association at Box 456. We'd be most grateful. We still have several months of the printing year left to account for.

If you would like your sponsorship to honor something or someone, please enclose a note to that effect with your check. If possible, please also send the information to editor Barbara Collier by e-mail ([gp.bugle.editor@gmail.com](mailto:gp.bugle.editor@gmail.com)); phone, USPS, or a note on the door would also work... check the boxed masthead (p 2) or your directory.

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## Letter from the Mayor

I hope that each of you has a very happy holiday season and that the new year brings you joy.

It has been a long time since our old website died and we replaced it with a temporary web page. We expect our new website, a significant improvement over the old one, to be operational in January. It is in its final testing and adjustment stage, and you can visit it to check it out at [www.garrettparkmd.gov](http://www.garrettparkmd.gov). The website adjusts the display for tablets and smart phones.

Some of the functions that we hope will make using the website attractive are the *notices* and *upcoming events* lists on the home page. Below them you will find *shortcuts* that will connect you with one click to some of the information that we believe many of you want to see quickly. One shortcut leads you to a page that allows you to schedule a reservation for the Town Hall and pay for it, all on line. You can also apply for and pay for town permits. We hope to allow you to pay for other activities in town using the website as well.

On the white bar near the top are titles for dropdown lists that connect you with information about the town and activities in the town. The *about our town* tab includes the ability to view the *town calendar*, *submit items* for the calendar electronically, read the most recent *Bugle*, search the *Bugle archive*, or read about the *history* of the town. The *organizations* tab connects you to many of the groups in town. They either have a page within our site or give you some information and then provide a link to their own separate site. The same is true for *town committees*, to be found under the *government* tab. Within the government tab you can also *contact the Town Office* with a *request*, find contact information for *Council members*, see the schedule of *Council meetings* and read the *minutes* of past meetings. The *facilities and activities* tab provides information on and connects you to the *swimming pool* and *nursery school* websites, among others.

The most innovative part of the website is the *residents portal*, a password protected section that may be accessed only by town residents. This section includes the *town directory* in which you may have your own page and control what information about you is shared with your neighbors in the directory, including family information and photos.

You can also determine what types of notices and for what activities the town will send you e-mails. For instance, you may want to know whenever a certain committee meets or when an activity such as Spooky Woods or the large item pickup is scheduled. You can choose to receive e-mails when there are announcements or news associated with various activities, such as street closings or weather-related emergency status, trash and recycling changes, a new art exhibit at Penn Place, or the next dinner and movie by the film society. This notice section will replace the Garrett Park Mailing List and will allow you to restrict what categories of information you receive.

You will be able to post and view *photos* of town activities and other events of interest within the residents only section.

We also have within the password-protected section a *town forum*, which is a listserv restricted to town residents only. You will know that what you say will be shared by a limited group and that what you receive will be from someone in the town. This will be similar to the current neighbors listserv with a more limited membership and greater privacy.

After we “go live” in January, we will continue to work on the site. We expect that some of you will find glitches and functions that need adjustment. We ask that you contact the [webmaster@garrettparkmd.gov](mailto:webmaster@garrettparkmd.gov) to let us know so that we can continue to improve the service for you.

Peter Benjamin

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